

**47/14**

**REQUEST**

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you supply me with the following information:

- How many accounts do you hold for tenants renting accommodation (houses or flats) from you?
- How many of your tenants were affected by the changes to housing benefit introduced in 1 April 2013, the under-occupancy charge/spare room subsidy/bedroom tax?
- How many of those tenants are in arrears with their rent that were not in arrears on 1 April 2013?
- Of those accounts that are now in arrears, and were affected by the Housing Benefit changes, how many have been served with eviction notices?
- How many tenant accounts affected by the changes to housing benefit have moved to other accommodation and are now no longer under-occupying?
- As of today (28/1/2014), or the nearest date for which figures are available, how much of your discretionary housing allowance budget for 2013/14 was spent/has been allocated? (Numbers and percentage)

**RESPONSE**

In response to your Freedom of Information request dated 28 January 2014, please find our answers highlighted below:

- How many accounts do you hold for tenants renting accommodation (houses or flats) from you?  
3210
- How many of your tenants were affected by the changes to housing benefit introduced in 1 April 2013, the under-occupancy charge/spare room subsidy/bedroom tax? .....251
- How many of those tenants are in arrears with their rent that were not in arrears on 1 April 2013?  
1056
- Of those accounts that are now in arrears, and were affected by the Housing Benefit changes, how many have been served with eviction notices? 0
- How many tenant accounts affected by the changes to housing benefit have moved to other accommodation and are now no longer under-occupying?.....17

- As of today (28/1/2014), or the nearest date for which figures are available, how much of your discretionary housing allowance budget for 2013/14 was spent/has been allocated? (Numbers and percentage)

As at 24 Feb 2014..... DHP =

313,000 spent.....401,000 allocated. Which equates to 78%. There have been 935 awards.